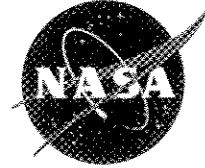


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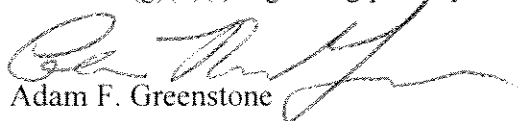
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at Toffler Associates Reception and Dinner on January 27, 2010

On January 27, 2010, Toffler and Associates, will host a reception and dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, in Washington, D.C. from 6:30p.m.-9:30p.m. The event is to focus on helping public and private sector executives and their organizations better understand the environment and prepare for future developments.

The reception and dinner will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congressional officials, academia, and other Federal agencies. Approximately 100 people have been invited and is expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$48.00 per person. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the reception and dinner will allow NASA employees the opportunity to share views on NASA's current programs and future activities. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsor or a majority of all of its members may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves and their spouses or guests.

Moreover, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsor, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

  
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